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**SUPPLEMENTAL REMARKS TO THE SECOND AMENDMENT**

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With regard to the Second Amendment mailed on June 25, 2004 in response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2004, the following Supplemental Remarks are submitted to assist the Examiner and to facilitate, further consideration of this matter.

In the Remarks in the Second Amendment, reference was made to numerous elements and features not taught or suggested in the prior art relied upon in the rejection of numerous claims. It was believed that it would be helpful to note the claims in which the numerous noted elements and features are found. This is set forth in the following lists A-F.